

*Cupola*













**T**his is a token of the year 1942-43, a year in which democracy has been tested. As a reminder of the travail, the plans, the studies which we have shared together in trying to maintain democratic principles, we, the Junior Class, present to the students and faculty of Rockford College

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# IN APPRECIATION



of her unfailing sympathy and kindness, for the awareness she has given us of eternal truths as revealed through Plato and paint brushes, for 'the root sincere, the branches bold to strive', the class of '44 dedicates this book to DR. ABBIE FINDLAY POTTS.





## AS INTEGRATOR

of Rockford College's activities in the new wartime program, President Mary Ashby Cheek works with all aspects of the college democracy, determining the present and future policies which will best use our resources. Miss Cheek combines the administrative duties of the executive with a subtle combination of graciousness and scholarship.

# WITH FIRM UNION

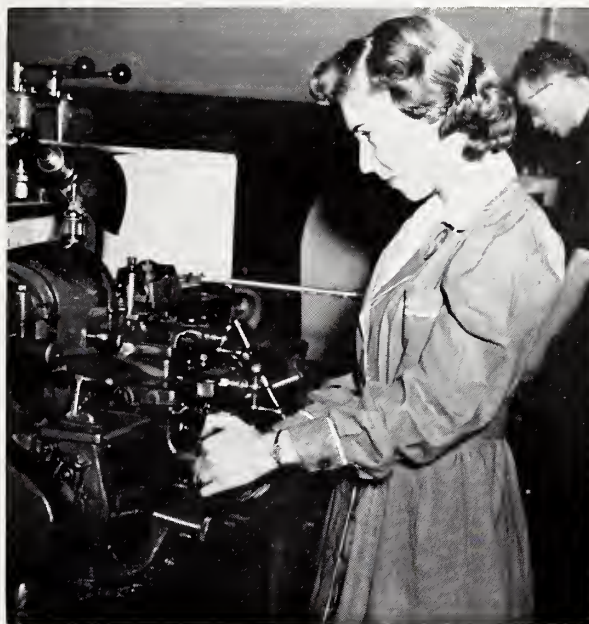


Rockford College strives in its campus activities to give aid to the nation's wartime efforts. While maintaining its traditions of liberal arts, it has this year added new techniques which are necessary for the maintenance of a country at war. The addition of engineering students, a work-study program, of many courses in nutrition, first aid and child care has given the students a concrete and tangible chance to offer their services while continuing their academic life. 'Rockford College affirms its faith in the liberal arts as the best means of emancipating the mind of the student from the tyranny of the present; as the surest road to an understanding of the heritage of the past; and finally, as the best way to foster intelligent criticism and the resolve to serve the public good.'

The Victory Pledge taken by all of the students stressed as an important achievement the learning of skills for freedom. This meant the planning of activities during the year to include courses and practice to develop professional skills in fields such as medicine, science, and clerical work. Emphasis was also laid on training in emergency duties such as the volunteer nurse's aide, the work in government war nurseries, first aid, and nutrition and canteen duty. The opportunity to participate in these fields has given the students a compensatory feeling of usefulness in the tremendous struggle — of steadying the shaking world around us.



The Work-Study plan developed by the college in conjunction with one of Rockford's leading war plants gives students an opportunity to partake of a college education while cooperating with the war program. The girls have been spending alternate days at work in the factory and at school and gaining from the experiences of both. Again, having a hand in the actual war service has proved invaluable. This type of co-operative course is offered not only to the girls but to the young men who are studying engineering on the campus for the first time. Yet always through the round-table discussions, informal class meetings, and study, the democratic theories and workings for which we are fighting are learned to supplement the practical training of the shop.



However, all of the war effort has not been seriousness. The morale-building line has been especially well taken care of with battalion dances at Camp Grant, work at the U.S.O., and many social activities held on campus for men in the service. And it cannot be said that the battalion commanders have had to order their men to attend them. This is Rockford College actively helping the nation, every member freely participating in that particular job which she is most capable of handling. At the same time, the true meaning of a college education, the study and research in scholarly pursuits cannot be and are not neglected; and in the light of this knowledge the future must be built so that all men may truly become free.



**S**o we have climbed high into the Cupola to gain a perspective view of Rockford College, the roofs gleaming below signifying the many phases of activity which they cover. Looking southward we see first the court, Rockford's traditional heart and stage for class days, step sings, and commencement. Enclosing the court on the south stand Lathrop Hall of the grey roof and academic purpose, Sill Hall of the dramatic or gymnastic aim. Beyond the trees are the green roofs of Maddox and Dorwin signifying recreation and domesticity in turn. From our tower we are able to gain a comprehensive view of the entirety that is R. C. and to integrate it into one pattern of educational living.

## — LOOKING SOUTH —







Easterday, M. Anderson, Lowden, Kirk, Hoven, C. Anderson, Ramberg, Wendel, Cesteros, Zoekler, Emanuelson, Gradous, I. Johnson, Bowers, D. Nilson, J. Barker, Buckley, Crissey, Hoinko, Foley, L. Johns, Cardwell, Muir, Collman, Ellsworth, Haver, Shamel, Claridge, Jaspelk, DePuydt, Landau, Burress, Pedlow, J. Woodruff, Hoyt, Knight, E. Evans, Majo, Langhaus, Elliott, Gillespie, Leets, Spoto, Stiles, Pearock, Musso, A. Anderson, C. Larson, Green, Williams, J. Hinds, Grant, Zeitlow, E. Jackson, Ross, Farley, J. Evans, Crosier, Billmyer, Burda, O'Connell, Franklin, Holly, Miller, Fisher, Lowe, Widell, C. Johnson, Kreuter, J. Robinson, Olson, Stevens, Dickey, Thorby, Wuchner, Sears, Youngquist, S. Smith, McCabe, Brand, D. Jackson, V. Johnson, Finch, Duane, Champagne, Shilton, M. Nymian, Guess

## FRESHMAN CLASS







Whyte, Ronneberg, Mathre, G. Siegfriedt, B. Siegfriedt, Bates, Wright, Quin, Warner, T. Nakata, McKenna, Abramson, Holeman ¶ Wainwright, Arrasmith, Marsh, Bowen, J. Hall, Scott, Dyer, Groh, Meenan, Hayes, Mamerow, Ray, Stolz, Hall ¶ Semmens, Kehm, H. Wilson, Anderson, Barcalow, Ettlinger, Wolsey, S. Wilson, Shepard, Berry, Michel, Gregory, Wheeler, Johns ¶ Eglund, Thede, Gray, Lewis, Chinn, N. Nyman, Hammond, Talbot, Kell, Colgrove, Ellingson, Dunnell, Nauss, Haight, Bergan, Kahn

## SOPHOMORE CLASS





B. Smith, Engelhardt, Roth, Pierce, Cromer, Jones, Wilcox, Bingham, Fry, Beebe, Seeman, Gee, C. Brown, Price, Sherman, P. Hall, Mitchell, G. Danielson, Washnor, Braid, Crandall, G. Lindgren, Brooks, Johnson, A. Lindgren, Hauser, Weum, Rohrbach, Bristol, Spongberg, R. Carlson, G. Sass, Bock, Dunning, Linstrum, Isgrig, Cochran, N. Brown, Coleman, M. Paulson

## JUNIOR CLASS







Haas, Davey, B. Olson, Alsover, J. Williams, Baldwin, Fleming, E. Paulson, Burchell, D. Wheeler, Hendrix, Turner, Michel, J. Barron, Tierney, Guastella, Hoesh, Hanna, Saucier, Robinson, Fisher, J. Hudson, White, McWethy, DeLong, Dallas, Green, Donnelly, Cassidy, Chapello, McGonagle

## SENIOR CLASS







Perhaps the most important aspect of our southward view may be found in the simple classrooms of Lathrop. Throughout the day a scholarly hum of activity signifies the work which must go on there. At night the rooms may return again to quiet and solitary emptiness except for the occasional typewriter. This year, however, child care and first aid courses have invaded Lathrop of a quiet evening. The war has entered the class room and the mental fight for democracy is as vigorous there as the physical fight on the front lines.





Wright, Nauss, Hudson, Fisher, Saucier, Miss Koempel, Holman, Ettlinger, Bergan  
Seated: DeLong J. Hall

SOCIOLOGY CLUB is organized to increase knowledge and skill in sociological fields through research projects, conferences and discussions. The main work this year dealt with problems of juvenile delinquency. The members of the club have formulated maps, pamphlets and research on the Rockford areas in particular and worked with civic groups in an effort to form one unified group against this problem.



Elizabeth Brush  
*History*



Isabel Abbott  
*History*



Leslie Koempel  
*Sociology*



Hardy Wickwar  
*Political Science*



First row J. Hall, Potgieter, Nauss, Wright, Bergan, Dunning  
 Second row, Ettlinger, Bates, Holman, Majo, Hoinko, Stevens, Pierce, Seemann

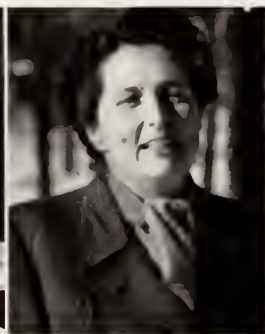
The MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB is composed of students interested in French, German, and Spanish. Throughout the year the members have an opportunity for closer acquaintance with the language they are studying. Through these activities the members learn to better understand the thinking and living of the other nations of the world.



Lucille Blackfan  
*French*



Mrs. Mildred Betty  
*English*



Mrs. Gabriele Brezina  
*Spanish*



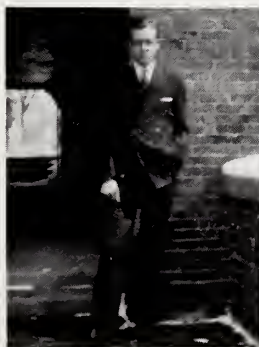
Julia Ingersoll  
*French*





Seated: D. Jackson, J. White, Green, Miss Braginton, J. Hall, Sears, Meenen  
 Standing: V. Johnson, Donnelly, Potgieter, Wuchner, Crissey, Hoinko, Matsunaga, Daane, Ettlinger

Though rich in tradition, CLASSICAL CLUB has a live membership proving that the classics are not dead. The activities of classical students, in an attempt to find better appreciation and understanding of the ancient world, are climaxed by a Roman banquet with the guests enjoying everything 'ab ovo ad mala.'



Curtis Bradford  
*English*



Mary Braginton  
*Classics*



Abbie Potts  
*English*



First row- P. Jones, Cochran, Baldwin, Dunning, Stolz, Krueger, Sass, Hendrix, A. Johnson, Bowen, Marsh, Lewis, Second row: Isgrig, Groh, G. Siegfried, B. Siegfried, Colgrove, Bergan, Chinn, Wolsey, Green, Nauss, D. Anderson, Turner, E. Paulson, J. White, Dallas, Fleming

DRAMATIC CLUB has tried to make their deed doing pertinent to the day, presenting *Devil's Discipline*, a revolutionary portrait; *Great Catherine*, and *Man of Destiny*, of the dictatorial natures. CREATIVE WRITING CLUB affords a chance for participation in and benefit from criticism and discussion of all kinds of writing particularly of the original works of the members.



J. White, Barron, Talbot, Nauss, Donnelly, J. Williams, Polgieter







Virginia Bryant  
*Physical Education*

Elizabeth Clow  
*Physical Education*



Rockford's physical education department connects our academic life to the important athletic and health side of college. A great variety of sports is offered, and competitive feeling runs high from the hockey days of fall through the last tennis game in June. This war year the department has emphasized the importance of physical fitness, and to that end presented the college with tests and improving exercise.





Seated: Chapello  
 Standing: Seemann  
 A. Johnson  
 P. Jones  
 Sass  
 J. White  
 Coleman  
 Haas



The WOMAN'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION aims to create and keep alive an interest in extracurricular athletic activities and accomplishments, and to create a spirit of good sportsmanship at all times. Every member of the college community may become a member through active participation in the sports offered. These vary with the seasons to include team and individual sports to satisfy all.



ORCHESIS, the modern dance group, presents programs throughout the year climaxed by their main effort, May Party. Besides sponsoring visiting performers in the field of interpretive dance, the members seek to learn and achieve beauty of movement and form in their own dancing.



Bowen, J. White, M. Anderson





# MADDOX HOUSE

The four Rs of Maddox House are reading, refreshment, relaxation, and rejuvenation. Maddox is for you if you want a coke in the tea room, or the latest Bemelman's book. Each month Maddox prepares for a tea, and welcomes a speaker. The Maddox committee keeps us up on the recent additions to the shelves and plans the teas.



Mrs. Margaret Thompson  
*Director*

Janet Butterworth  
*Assistant to the Dietician*







Myrtle Davidson  
*Home Economics*



## DORWIN HOUSE

Under the guidance of Miss Davidson and Miss Watkins, the girls at Dorwin are preparing themselves for the clothing problems which may confront us in the near future. The students gain an understanding of materials, purchasing, and selection of patterns. They also study home making and decoration.



**L**et only the eager, thoughtful and reverent enter here." This legend on our East gate may truly direct those who come to Rockford College to its fundamental spirit. Every fall the eastern gate is thrown open to admit entering students and their baggage as well as the new array of "college guests." The pink roof of Talcott covers one of the busiest centers on campus, Chapel, the camelion which accommodates dances, lectures, Sunday vespers and the assembly meetings of Student Government all in proper sequence. The ordered garden along the east walk is the official gauge of the changing seasons. On the boisterous corner of Bluff and Seminary, the music center, Emerson, is the eastern outpost of our academic circle.

— **LOOKING EAST** —







One of the oldest buildings on the campus is Talcott, the traditional home of the upperclassmen. Its ivied walls cloak not only these school homes with their coveted angles and nooks and venerable names scratched on window panes, but 'chapel.' As the staunch terminus of the north end of the quadrangle, this building has witnessed the passing of a multitude of charter days, as well as college generations all striving to achieve the intangible ideals of 'decus et veritas.'



Talcott looks to an outsider like one single building. To us it is a congregation of places. There we listen to guest speakers and friends, hear music recitals and attend worship services. Talcott is the place where all of RC gathers for our varied chapel programs—from class days to a lecture by Carl Sandburg and from Sunday afternoon vesper services to dramatic skits reminding us of next Saturday's formal. -In a sense this is the melting pot into which we pour our numerous interests.





First row: Semmens

B. Michel

Turner

McWethy

Hanna

Hudson

E. Robinson

Fisher

Stevens

Second row: Haas

Burchell

A. Johnson

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Democracy is more than a theory on the R.C. campus: the Student Government Association, which has just completed its second year as our governing institution, provides us with a working example of democratic practice. The members of SGA Board formulate programs from student suggestions. These proposals are finally voted upon at the assembly meetings. Here at Rockford, we, the students, make the rules by which we govern ourselves and our college community. This war year we have felt especially the urgent need to learn this process.



Betsy Hanna

*President*





A. Johnson, B. Michel, Turner, Zietlow



J. Robinson, B. Michel, McWethy

# JUDICIAL COMMISSION

The Judicial branch of Student Government is Judicial Commission which reviews and passes decisions on any infractions of the laws as set up for the efficient running of the college. Under the honor system there are certain established standards of honorable conduct which each member of the college is expected to uphold. It is by this means that we govern ourselves in our everyday campus life. House Council as a branch of Judicial Commission, keeps dorm life running smoothly and peacefully.

Evelyn Turner  
*Chairman*





## 'THE ROAD LIES PLAIN BEFORE US'

The CIVILIAN DEFENSE COUNCIL was the answer of Rockford College to the need for close co-ordination of a democracy in time of crisis. This organization, a subsidiary of the Council of Organizations, drew up a Pledge to Victory for the student body which has since been carried out in numerous fields. The COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS is composed of the presidents of all clubs, editors of student publications, and specified members of the Student Government Board. It is their duty to handle many business matters of a working democracy.



Seated: Seemann, Beebe, Mitchell, Hudson, Baldwin, Donnelly, Williams, Green, Isgrig, Chapello  
 Standing: Semmens, B. Michel, J. White, McWethy, Hanna, Ettlinger, Sass, Wolsey, Burchell, E. Robinson, Nauss



D. Wheeler  
Dunnell  
Shepard  
Kaufman  
Grigsby  
McGonagle  
Linstrum

TOLO is an organization to which every student belongs. It directs the varied social activities of our college life. This year it has sponsored several informal dances and all-college parties to which groups of service men have been invited.



Hoesli  
Baldwin  
J. Hall  
Cochran  
Isgrig  
Dunning  
Shepard  
Seemann  
Pierce

Y.W.C.A. is important in unifying many aspects of our college life. In addition to cooperating with activities in the community, Y.W.C.A. serves as the religious and social mediator here. It brings together freshmen and upperclassmen through the "Big and Little Sisters" custom and supervises vesper and chapel programs.





# EMERSON

The red-brick house on the corner acts as the fortress of the musical muses. Its upper chambers are the retreat for the students who wish to practice or to battle valiantly with

harmony and counterpoint. The lower rooms are for special lessons, classes, and Glee Club rehearsals. Often the harmonies of home-ward bound war workers blend with the hallowed strains of Schubert, as an imaginative symbol of our new martial motif.



Andreas Fugmann  
*Music*

Mizzie Fugmann  
*Music*

Ludwig Schmidt  
*Violin*



First row: Beebe, Alsover, Landau, Krueger. Second row: Braid, Crandall, P. White, Hammond, N. Williams, Brooks, N. Arthur, J. Williams. Third row: Crissey, Emanuelson, J. White, Wilson, Bergan, Dallas, Barcalow, C. Hall. Fourth row: Warner, Guess, Silcroft, Scott, Sears, B. Siegfriedt, Kahn. Fifth row: R. Carlson, Abramson, P. Hall, Price, Stiles, E. Robinson. Sixth row: Kirk, Mathre, Farley, M. Paulson.

ROCKFORD COLLEGE GLEE CLUB is the happy medium for bringing together all the singers of our college community. The weekly meetings of the club, under the direction of Mr. Fugmann, culminate in the traditional Christmas concert and the Spring serenade under the stars in the court where tribute is paid to the May Queen.





Seated: Crandall, J. Williams  
 Standing: Beebe, Alsover, Braid, Dallas, P. Hall

ALPHA THETA, the honorary musical society, meets at Emerson. Its membership is composed of students in the theory of music who practice in a specialized field. The meetings consist of a variety of musical programs presented to the club. CAMERA CLUB gives an opportunity to those who want to know more about a camera than the mere click of the shutter release. The club has been most active in snapping CUPOLA pictures this year. The war has affected this group mostly through curtailment of its supplies.



Krueger  
 E. Jackson  
 Sass  
 Wolsey  
 Kneeling: Dyer





The homelike yet formal atmosphere of Middle represents another integration of Rockford's activities and personalities. The quiet charm of the fireplace and easy chairs, the reading room with its daily clamor for mail, and the bewildered few who try to "keep up with the news" are evidence of the fact that here are the cross roads of our daily lives. Middle is a fit domain for Anna P. Sill and Jane Addams who keep vigil in the hall.



Mrs. Marie Flanigan

Mrs. Gertrude Delaney  
*Service Desk.*



From Student Porch any evening one can hear the strains of our favorite songs amid the laughter of those trying out the latest dance steps. Here we entertain dates and play bridge. The new nickelodeon gives forth its pristine glow for all who contribute not a nickel but merely a push of the proper button. The INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB discusses current topics of international interest. Political and social post-war reconstruction and the role of our allies has been the current theme. The ROCKFORD COLLEGE STUDENT UNION is an education-action group seeking "to think as men of action, to act as men of thought." This has been achieved in 1943 by a study of minority labor problems in war-time and co-operation in the formation of the Rockford Minorities Council.



Cochran, Hudson, Holman, B. Nichel, Turner, Nauss, Miss Abbott, Saucier, Hendrix, J. Hall, Eitlinger, Talbot. Seated: Fisher.



First row: Wright, Stevens. Second row: Fisher, Bates, Potgieter, Wuchner, T. Nakata, Hudson, Nauss. Third row: Donnelly, J. Williams, Alsover, Hinds, Dryovage.





Seated: Hammond, Cochran, E. Robinson, Bates, Potgieter, Majo. Standing: Dryovage, Wuchner, Stevens, Gradous, Hoinko, Sears, Emanuelson, D. Anderson, Talbot, Weum.



Seated: Seemann, Mitchell, Cochran  
Standing: N. Brown, Fry, Wolsey

One of the most important signs of a functioning democracy is the freedom of expression in its publications. PURPLE PARROT, the campus newspaper, holds this freedom as its motto, voicing opinions on any campus or nation-wide problems. This voice may be heard rasping even in the small hours up in 'Perch'. Every spring the Junior class presents CUPOLA to the college as a picturesque and kalaidoscope review of the year.



ROCKFORD REVIEW is also presented each spring as the combined effort of the students and faculty with literary tastes. This magazine contains without conflict, the fond works of many a budding Tolstoi, Cummings, Stein, Shaw or Barry.

J. White, Donnelly, Nauss, Barron, Hopper



**T**o the west of our Cupola tower lie the Rock River and the grey stone business houses of the town. The late afternoon sun paints them with pastels and soft shadows and turns the western buildings of the campus to delicate hues. Immediately below us are the ivy-covered walls of Linden, the administrative center, and John Barnes Hall. The most recent turret to be added to the Rockford profile is that of the John Hall Sherratt library, which stands on east campus at the edge of the bluff. East campus is the scene of the annual May Day supper-picnic with its exciting and picturesque "Tassel tapping". And on the western knoll in the sunshine the sundial continues to mark the passing hour of each college generation.

— **LOOKING WEST** —





Linden represents in a way the very heart of the more serious aspects of Rockford College. There at the end of its quiet hall the offices of President, Student Counsellor, and Registrar carry on the administration of our college life. In the shadowy halls of lower Linden we detect the not-so-faint odors of biology lab, the inspiring tones of speech students, the shrieks of delight from the package room, and the squeaks of white rats. One of the loveliest bits of Linden is the window framing the river scene — a touch of inspiration to all weary souls who pass.





The Student Counselor's Office, presided over by Miss Virginia Townsend, is the official reception center of all guests, weighty problems, and woes. Requests for "special pers", help in the many problems confronting us in our campus activities, or requests for official information about the residents of the college community are directed to the Student Counselor's desk. This year this office has been confronted, especially with receiving and meeting many troops of uniformed guests.



Mrs. Jeanne Dunderdale, the assistant to the Student Counselor, acts as the buffer between the students and the calendar, their extra-curricular life, and their academic interests. The desk at the end of the hall receives daily stacks of pers, petitions and lists which are essential to the smooth and efficient integration of a college of Rockford's standing.

# OFFICIAL BUSINESS



Lorena Church  
*Registrar*



Florence Schenk  
*Bursar*

The REGISTRAR not only records and sends out semi-annual grade slips, but she is also responsible for the formation of the complicated class and examination schedules. Miss Church is patient and generous in giving each of us advice in the considerable matter of credits and individual programs. The BURSAR'S OFFICE is very popular for from its windows are carried on the transactions involving cash, checks, and personal income which Miss Schenk and her assistant carry out.



Eleanor Jaqua  
*Secretary to President*



Mrs. Evelyn Palm  
*Secretary to Bursar*



Lillie Johnson  
*Secretary to Registrar*



Mrs. Lorna Perks  
*Director of Admissions*



Mrs. Kay Ewing  
*Director of Publicity*

The ADMISSIONS OFFICE is the official handshaker to all new students coming to Rockford College. This year the Admissions office has taken charge of the administration of the work-study plan as well as its many duties to prospective students. The PUBLICITY OFFICE has served in the capacity of official voice of the college, speaking through many nation-wide newspapers as well as pamphlets and activities on campus.

With the ALUMNAE OFFICE acting as go-between, the alumnae are kept in constant touch with their college and its activities. Throughout the year teas and bridge parties have been arranged and the ROCKFORD COLLEGE ALUMNA is issued, serving as yet another avenue of contact with the alumnae.



Katherine Snow  
*Alumna Secretary*





Each afternoon at four, conversation, good will, and tea mingle freely within the sanctity of Faculty Porch when the faculty members gather for a short respite from the rigors of their profession. On more special occasions, groups of students gather informally around the fireplace to listen to guest speakers and to discuss the state of the world. And when matters non-academical prevail, Faculty Porch with candlelight and flowers may become the center of a reception or tea for Dad's Day or a club's festive celebration. This year the hall outside of the porch has displayed brilliant posters from many war committees of national and international repute. "Vive la patrie", "China War Relief", "Aid to Britain", "Give to the Red Cross"—they have all shouted to the bold one who passes by.





Dorothy Richardson  
*Biology*

Evelyn Fernald  
*Biology*



Lower Linden is the home of the botany and zoology laboratories. There we study the inner functions of plant and animal life. The labs give to students of biology an opportunity to put into practice through scientific experiment and observation the theories learned in the class room. The laboratories are vital to the war program because, realizing the urgent need for trained laboratory technicians and nurses, Rockford is here presenting primary training to students interested in these fields.





First row: Cochran, Hudson, Semmens, Stolz, Wright, Isgrig  
 Second row: Linstrum, Barron, Danielson, MacWethy, L. White, Holman, B. Siegfriedt  
 Third row: Nauss, Baldwin, Talbot, Berry, Hanna, Dallas, Bates, Eitlinger, J. Hall, Green

To recognize high scholastic achievement and interest in things intellectual, Rockford has the SOCRATIC HONOR SOCIETY. Associate memberships for one year are granted on the basis of the scholastic average of the preceding two semesters. Each year permanent members are selected from the senior class. Socratic is another campus recognition of the 'why' we are at Rockford College. For along with a strenuous war effort along practical lines, members of Rockford College recognize the fact that the right to study is one of the rights for which we fight. Our search for knowledge, our seeking after both sides of the historical questions, our planning and striving for a better post-war world and learning the techniques to make it so: all are essential to the survival of true democratic ways.



Bruno Bettelheim  
*Psychology and Philosophy*



Jordan Cavan  
*Education*



William Fulton  
*Religion*





Each year John Barnes captures the energy, vitality, and eagerness of freshmen follies. J. B. provides refreshment for the soul with Inglenook's music, books, and cheerful fires, and for the body downstairs in our now so cheerful dining room. When we really need revival, there is always the infirmary—waiting with open arms. Faculty offices add the proper note of austerity to this gay atmosphere of J. B.



Ruth McGinnis  
*College Nurse*



FORUM, the forensic society, represents the college in discussion on other campuses. Members of the club turn thinking on current affairs and problems into clear and organized speech.

First row: Nash, Stevens, Dryovage, Dallas, Nauss, Mrs. Berry

Second row: Dickey, D. Jackson, Hinds, J. Evans, Baldwin, Hanna, Lowden

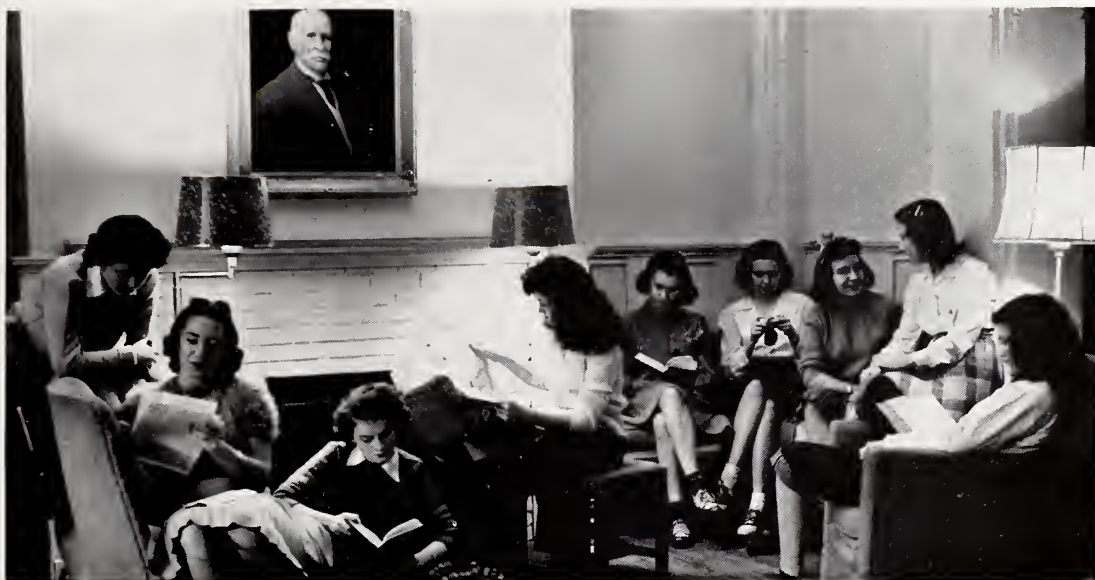


TASSEL, honor senior society, recognizes campus leadership. Members are selected from those of the junior class who qualify on the basis of college activities and outstanding scholastic standing.

Hanna, Fisher, Hudson, McWethy, Dallas



Daily to the Bookstore go RC girls — and engineers — to equip themselves with the necessities of college life which involve physical things such as paper, ink, books, and pencils. The Bookstore is managed by the Bursar's office but is run by students.



Inglenook, the John Barnes parlor, is a room for books and comfortable chairs. This is a quiet retreat between the busy offices of Linden and the faculty and staff offices of J. B. Since last year, the Carnegie music room has been part of Inglenook, too. The hundreds of classical records have already provided many serene hours of tranquility. Here we find fine music and books to share with our friends. On Wednesday and Saturday evenings after dinner Inglenook is filled with the sounds of clinking coffee cups and conversation, for then the room goes 'formal' with the new after-dinner coffee program.





# DINING ROOM



With steak and ice cream, pancakes and grapefruit, formal banquets and class day breakfasts, one of the most important centers of the college is the dining room. It is personified by both bleak-eyed, early morning stragglers and rousing class-song chanters. This year the hebetate dancers on the walls have looked down upon dessertless, beverageless, and meatless meals as the war swooped over our kitchen: yet the generally healthy appetites were amply taken care of. Rationing has further complicated the process of meal-planning for approximately one hundred and fifty girls but no one seems to have grown Ghandi-like because of this.



Eunice Longworth  
*Dietitian*





For a rather candid view of Rockford at play:  
 "Welcome all to Plenti-Poi", skii fashions, burning  
 the midnight oil, and snow maidens come to earth.



The JOHN HALL SHERRATT LIBRARY has also geared itself to meet wartime emergencies. In the selection of books, efforts have been made to supply the increased demands for technical subjects such as mathematics, physics, and child care. Exhibits of new books have shown the general emphasis on the policy to "Know our allies!" New reserves have been set up for such groups as the girls who are being trained for sub-foremen in industry by the local youth administration of the War Manpower Commission.

The Victory book drive, sponsored by the students, again calls attention to the efforts of a liberal arts college to maintain an intellectual status for those who, at the moment, are engaged in direct war activity.



Jean Sharpe  
*Librarian*



June Toops  
*Assistant in the Library*



Fritz Berne  
*Assistant in the Library*



Eleanor Steinke  
*Medical Librarian*





For a concrete example of the functioning of the Honor System of Student Government one has only to investigate the open stacks and reserve shelves of the library. This unique freedom is one of our most respected traditions of self-government.

**A**nd finally north of Cupola tower the spreading oak branches shelter North campus from the bitter winds — North campus, the rolling lawn where the May Queen is crowned with violets each springtime, where relaxation after dinner is so pleasant when warm sunshine again brings the iris to blossom. To the right, the turrets and peaks of Adams stand firmly amidst the trees. This year, the halls of Adams echo male voices for the first time in its venerable history. The extension plan of the Illinois Institute of Technology has brought men to the Rockford campus to study sciences in the laboratories there. Between Adams and North campus, "Minnie", the nymph of the pool sits among the lily pads and blue bells to watch over all comers, and to direct their attention to that fact that "if you have knowledge let others light their candle by it".

— **LOOKING NORTH** —









So Adams has stood — 'a symbol of learning' in the many fields into which our academic pursuits at R.C. carry us—from the chemistry lab and physics to the classics and sculptoring. This year for the first time, Adams has opened her hallowed halls to ----- the Engineers. The SCIENCE CLUB desires to promote an interest in and understanding of the sciences through speakers, movies, and discussions. The club's project this year was to stress the need for workers in scientific fields.



McWethy, Dr. Mullinix, J. Evans, Ross, Cesteros, L. White, Dallas, Musso, A. Lindgren, Johns, Ronneberg

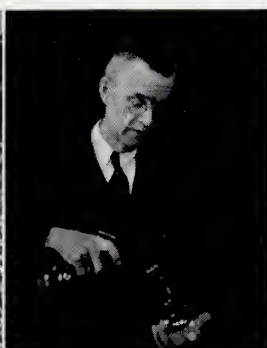


Seated: H. Nakata, Stevens, Chinn, Colgrove, Stolz, Sass, Peacock, Hoven, Holly  
 Standing: E. Jackson, Krueger, Gillespie, Miss Davidson, Miss Watkins, Kirk, Schulz, Turner

The HOME ECONOMICS CLUB gives students and faculty of that department an opportunity to meet for discussion of topics of mutual interest. This year the program has included movies and teas as well as regular meetings emphasizing the nutritional aspects of the war.



Frances Johnson  
*Mathematics and Physics*



Martha McGavock



Raymond Mullinix  
*Chemistry*



Lillian Watkins  
*Home Economics*





First row - Meenen, C. Brown  
Second row - L. Johnson, N. Brown, J. Gee, Dunning, Mr. Paxson

ART CLUB serves as one medium through which art is brought to the college. This year the club has tied in with the war effort in bringing exhibits of war posters from various nations and service groups to be displayed in Middle Hall. As well as attending lectures on topics of art value, members of the club have sold their block print efforts in Christmas cards and hangings to benefit the war bond drive.



Anna Bator  
Visiting Sculptor



Gordon Paxson  
Art





Seated: Crandall, J. Johnson, DeLong, Burchell  
 Standing: Egeland, Arnold, Braid, E. Paulson, Meenen, Danielson

## TOWN STUDENTS

Lower Adams is the headquarters of the TOWN STUDENT ASSOCIATION. There the town girls have their lockers and rooms for recreation, study, or just meeting people. Perhaps the most prevalent feeling among the town students is that of deeper appreciation for the privilege of associating liberal-arts education with both the actual defense program through the work-study plan and particularly with the values of home life. The activities of the organization attempt to promote good fellowship and co-operation not only among the members but between town and house students. This year the town students were the first to greet the engineering students, as it was part of lower Adams that was given over as a lounge for them.



The male element has become an academic part of Rockford College this year for the first time. In collaboration with the Illinois Institute of Technology R.C. is offering to a small group of young men, courses in engineering. In addition to the strictly technical side of their work, the engineers have taken many courses in the liberal arts.

Techniques are playing an increasingly vital role in our country at war. With this in mind, Rockford has included in its curriculum secretarial studies which can be of value both in professional and personal work. These secretarial courses, in combination with major subjects, open wider the door of opportunity in future work.





The college farm 'stands upon a quiet hill beside a lordly stream,' and there we all flock via station wagon, bus and bicycle to commune with nature. Hikes, the farm house, picnics, and crew all make the farm a meeting place for much of R.C.'s holiday fun. As a stop of the American Youth Hostel the farm offers a convenient resting place for cyclists and overnight hikers. Each spring the hills echo with the cheers for the crew races which are held on the billows of the Rock River there.



Dorothy Watson  
*Secretarial Studies*







The outstanding memory of every year is the May Festival with its crowning of the May Queen. The wearer of the circlet of violets is chosen by the entire college community as the personification of the truest spirit of Rockford College. 'She must represent academic interest and accomplishment. As well as being a constructive thinker for the welfare of the college, she must have more extensive interests; fundamentally considerate and dignified, she must be loyal to these ideals, and open-minded in her convictions.' This, then, is the representation of the summit toward which we strive, the 'why' of liberal education.

Charlotte Alsover  
*Music*



Barbara Baldwin  
*Speech*

Mary Barron  
*English*



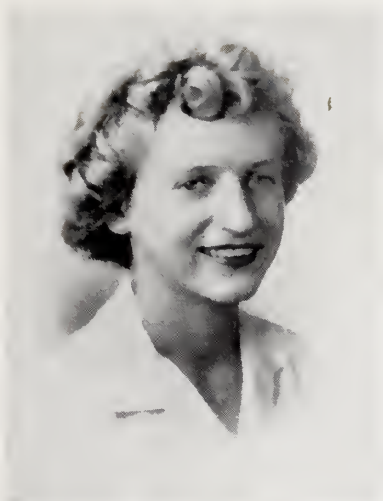
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*Home Economics*

Jean Burchell  
*Social Science*

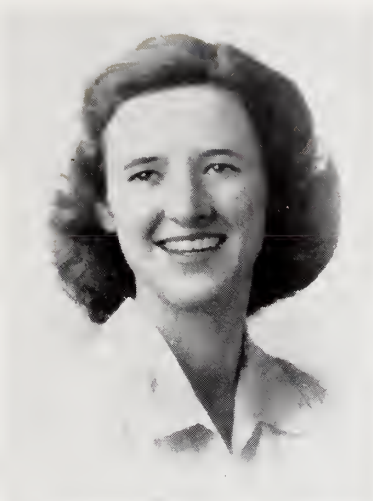


Mary Ann Cassidy  
*Economic Sociology*





Isabelle Chapello  
*Chemistry*



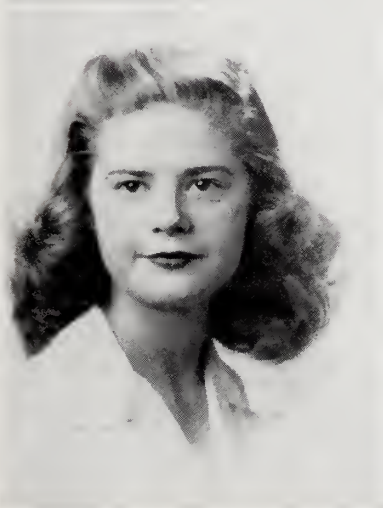
Dorothy Dallas  
*Zoology*



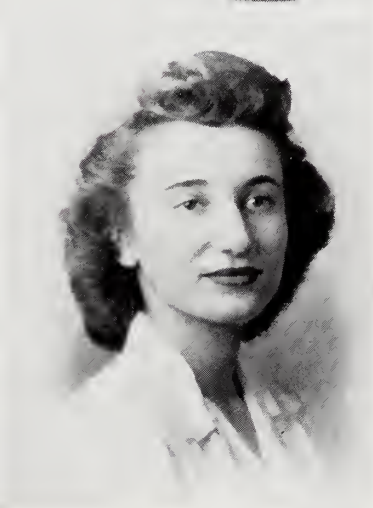
Beatrice Davey  
*Science*



Jeanne DeLong  
*English*



Doris Donnelly  
*English*



Marsha Fisher  
*Sociology*

Janann Fleming  
*English Drama*

Corrine Green  
*Latin*

Jennie Guastella  
*Sociology*

Betsy Haas  
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Betsy Hanna  
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Peggy Hendrix  
*English*

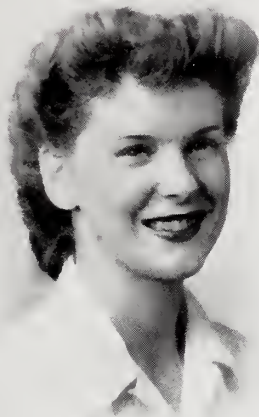




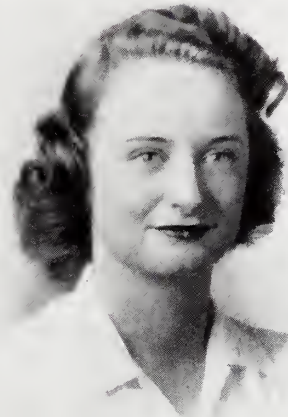
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*English*



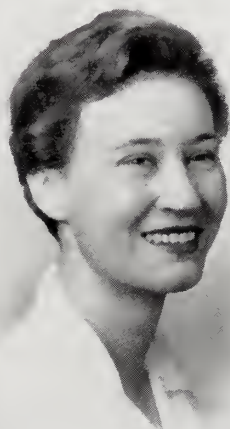
Raye Hudson  
*Sociology*



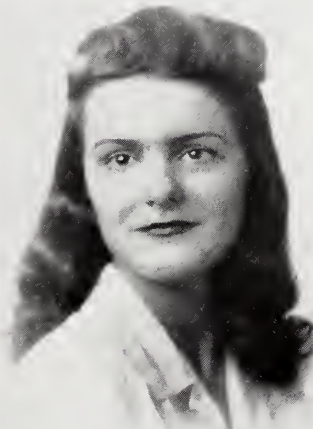
Louise Johnson  
*Art*



Martha McGonagle  
*Sociology*



Virginia McWethy  
*Mathematics  
and Physics*



Betty Michel  
*History*



Bernice Olson  
*Sociology*



Elaine Paulson  
*Sociology*



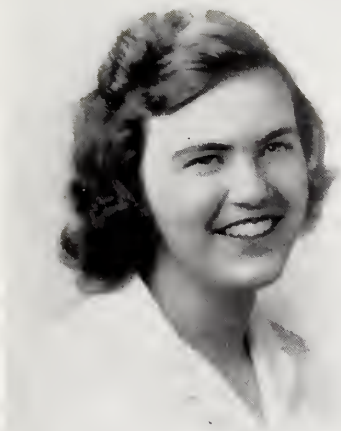
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Mary Ann Saucier  
*Sociology*

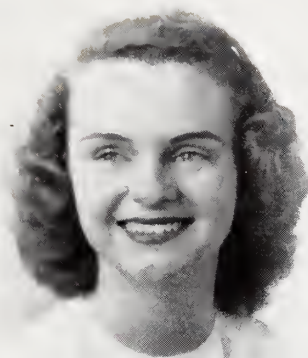


Loraine Stark  
*History*

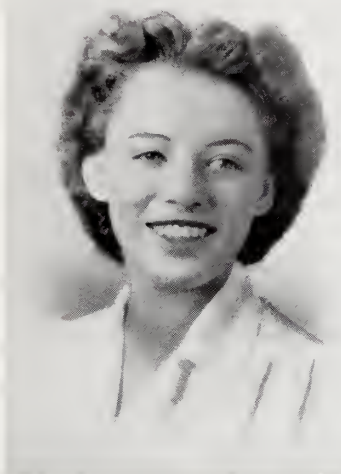
Janet Tierney  
*Sociology*



Evelyn Turner  
*Household  
Science*



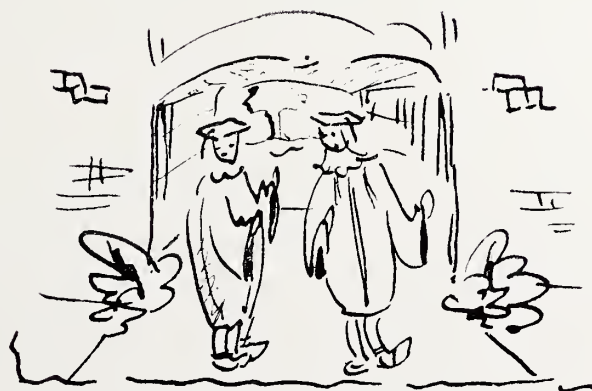
Dean Wheeler  
*English  
Drama*



Julia White  
*English*



Jean Williams  
*Music*





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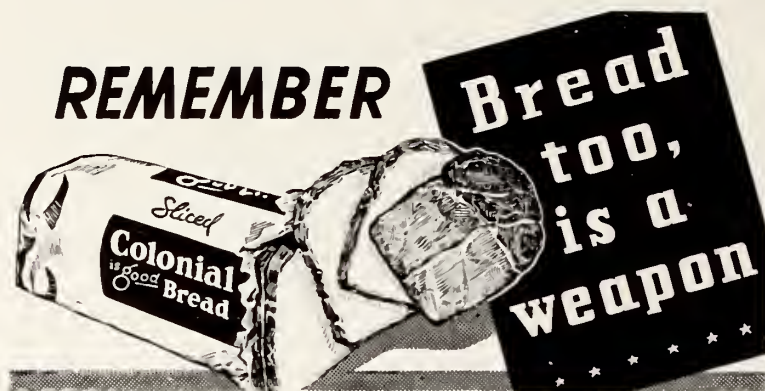
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